

AIMSweb Skills-based Universal Screener

K-8th Grades

Fall – August 8-19

Winter – December 1-16

Spring – May 8-19

An LEA must administer a nationally normed, skills-based universal screener. A universal screener is a brief screening assessment of academic skills (i.e., basic reading skills, reading fluency, reading comprehension, math calculation, math problem solving, written expression) administered to ALL students to determine whether students demonstrate the skills necessary to achieve grade-level standards. Universal screening reveals which students are performing at or above the level considered necessary for achieving long-term success (general outcome measures). This data can also serve as a benchmark for measuring the improvement of a group, class, grade, school, or district. The LEA will ensure that the universal screener used is actually the universal screener most appropriate for the function it serves. Furthermore, universal screening can be used to identify students in need of further intervention due to identified skill deficits. A more precise assessment may be needed to determine a student's specific area(s) of deficit before beginning an intervention.